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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 526**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Chan**  
(Coauthor: Senator Perata)

February 18, 2003

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An act to add and repeal Section 2107.5 of the Elections Code, relating to registration.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 526, as amended, Chan. Voter registration.

Under existing law, persons eligible to vote must register to vote no later than 14 days prior to election day.

This bill would permit Alameda County to establish a pilot program, for elections held entirely in the county and which are not consolidated with a state or federal election, under which persons could register and vote at specified locations during a 14-day period up to and including election day. *The elections official would be required to take steps to avoid duplicate voting and to make available for public inspection a list of persons voting under this program.* The bill would require the Secretary of State to study the program to report its effect on voter turnout and voter fraud, and to assess its feasibility for other jurisdictions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 2107.5 is added to the Elections Code,  
2     to read:  
3     2107.5. (a) Alameda County is authorized to establish a pilot  
4     voter registration program for local elections held entirely within  
5     the county. The pilot program shall provide that, notwithstanding  
6     any other provision of law, any person entitled to register to vote  
7     under Section 2101 shall be permitted during the 14-day period up  
8     to and including the day of the election to register and vote at the  
9     office of the elections official or at satellite offices that the  
10    elections official establishes for this purpose. *Using a centralized*  
11   *data base, the elections official shall compare the list of persons*  
12   *who vote under this section with the list of persons who vote by*  
13   *absentee or provisional ballot before those absentee or provisional*  
14   *ballots are counted.* This pilot program shall not be implemented  
15    for any election that is consolidated with a state or federal election.  
16    (b) Persons wishing to vote pursuant to this section shall, upon  
17    presenting identification and proof of residence within Alameda  
18    County, be entitled to vote using a regular ballot. The Secretary of  
19    State shall specify acceptable identification and proof of  
20    residence. *After an election, the elections official shall produce a*  
21   *list of all persons who register and vote under this section, and*  
22   *make the list available for public inspection without the release of*  
23   *personal identifying information.*  
24    (c) The elections official shall notify the public of all locations  
25    in Alameda County where persons eligible to vote may register  
26    and vote during the 14-day period up to and including the day of  
27    the election, by issuing a press release no later than 40 days before  
28    election day. The press release shall state the address of all  
29    locations and the date and hours that each location will be open.  
30    (d) The Secretary of State shall conduct a study of elections  
31    held under this pilot program to determine its impact on voter  
32    turnout, to evaluate whether voting fraud occurred as a result of the  
33    program, and to assess its feasibility for implementation in other  
34    jurisdictions.



1 (e) If Alameda County establishes the pilot program authorized  
2 by this section, that county shall be responsible for the costs of  
3 implementing the pilot program.

4 (f) This section shall remain in effect only until December 31,  
5 2005, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
6 that is enacted before December 31, 2005, deletes or extends that  
7 date.

8 *SEC. 2. Under Section 18100 of the Elections Code, it is a*  
9 *felony to commit fraud in registering to vote, and under Section*  
10 *18500 of the Elections Code, it is a felony to commit fraud in*  
11 *connection with casting or attempting to cast a vote. The*  
12 *Legislature finds and declares that it would constitute a violation*  
13 *of either or both of these sections if a voter committed fraud in*  
14 *registering to vote or in voting under Section 2107.5 of the*  
15 *Elections Code.*

